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CM kicks off Governor's Gold Cup

Royal FC wins inaugural match

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GANGTOK, 01 Nov:

Royal Football Club, Siliguri, won the inaugural match of the 39th edition of All India Governor's Gold Cup Football Tournament 2019 played under floodlights on Friday evening. A goal by Niraj Basnet helped Royal Football Club to edge past the State Sports Academy, Gangtok.

Royal FC has entered the quarter-final round with this narrow 1-0 victory.

Chief Minister, PS Tamang, who was present as the chief guest, declared the tournament open.

In the 13th minute, Niraj Basnet headed a



cross from his teammate into an early lead for Royal FC. In return, the home team players gave their best to equalise the score but could not score any goal.

State Sports Academy

players maintained constant pressure on their opponents with continuous attacks in the second half but missed the net and with the final whistle by the referee, Royal FC

won the match by 1-0.

Royal FC will now take on an ISL club, Jamshedpur Football Club [Reserve] in the first quarter-final match on 05 November.

The second pre quarter-final match of the tournament will be played between Sikkim Police and BSS Sporting Club, Kolkata on Saturday afternoon at 2 PM.

SKM LEGISLATORS MEET

Thanks giving meeting for Gangtok & Martam Rumtek in Nov



SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 01 Nov:

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha [SKM] held its 4th legislators meeting at Samman Bhawan, here in the State capital this afternoon. The meeting was attended by all SKM legislators, Advisors to CM, Political Secretary to CM and Confidential Secretary to CM.

On behalf of SKM legislators body, Minister, Kunga Nima Lepcha offered a khada to the Chief Minister, PS

Tamang and congratulated him on his landslide victory in the by-election.

Mr Tamang thanked his cabinet colleagues, legislators, party workers of various levels for their support in the by-election at Poklok Kamrang as well as Gangtok and Martam Rumtek. The motion of thanks was seconded by Minister, Arun Upreti.

The meeting also briefly discussed the upcoming tour of President,

Ram Nath Kovind and issues to be placed before him pertaining to Sikkim and Sikkimese people.

Later, the meeting also passed a resolution that SKM shall conduct thanks giving meeting at Gangtok and Martam Rumtek constituencies in the month of November. The meeting also discussed the upcoming assembly session as well as supplementary budget session to be held in last week of this month.

5TH CONVOCATION OF SIKKIM UNIVERSITY

Out of 122 gold medallists, 74 are girls

SUMMIT REPORT

GANGTOK, 01 Nov:

Sikkim University is holding its 5th Convocation here at Manan Kendra on Sunday. President of India, Ram Nath Kovind will be the chief guest of the Convocation. The President will be accompanied by the Governor, Ganga Prasad, who is also the Chief Rector of Sikkim University, and Chief Minister, PS Tamang as guests of honour.

The Convocation proceedings will be chaired by Sikkim University Chancellor, Lt Gen [Retd] DB Shekatkar. The President is scheduled to reach Gangtok on Saturday.

This was informed during a press conference of Sikkim University, which was addressed by Chancellor, Lt Gen [Retd] DB Shekatkar, Vice-Chancellor, Prof Avinash Khare



and Registrar TK Kaul of Sikkim University.

Addressing the press conference, they informed that degrees will be bestowed upon students who have passed in years 2017, 2018 and 2019 during the convocation.

"More than 200 students will be awarded gold and silver medals. Out of 122 gold medallists, 74 are girl students. President will hand over gold

medals to 11 medallists in person," it is informed.

They expressed their happiness on 90% of the gold medallists being girl students.

Due to limited time given by the President and seeing a large number of students attending the convocation, the university has decided to hold the convocation in two phases at Manan Kendra on Sunday.

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EPCA declares public health emergency in Delhi-NCR

NEW DELHI, NOV 1 (PTI):

A Supreme Court mandated panel on Friday declared a public health emergency in the Delhi-NCR region and banned construction activity till November 5.

As the pollution levels in the region entered the "severe plus" category", the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority also banned the bursting of crackers during the winter season.

In a letter to chief secretaries of Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, EPCA Chairman Bhure Lal said, "The air quality in Delhi and NCR deteriorated further last night and is now at the severe plus level. We have to take this as a public health emergency as it will have adverse health impacts on all, particularly our children."

Under these circumstances, he said, construction activities, hot mix plants and stone crushers in Delhi, Faridabad, Gurugram, Ghazia-

bad, Noida and Greater Noida will remain closed till morning of November 5. The blanket of haze over Delhi thickened on Friday morning with the national capital's pollution levels increasing overnight.

Bhure Lal said pollution touched "severe plus" levels early on Friday morning but came back to "severe" category later. According to official data, the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) at 1 pm on Friday was recorded at 480, which falls in the "severe" category.

An AQI between 0-50 is considered 'good', 51-100 'satisfactory', 101-200 'moderate', 201-300 'poor', 301-400 'very poor' and 401-500 'severe'. Above 500 falls in the 'severe-plus emergency' category.

Earlier, the EPCA had banned construction activities only for the period between 6 pm and 10 am till November 2. Now, no construction can take place even in daytime.

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Sikkimese artist selected for Gandhiji's birth anniv celebration



GANGTOK, 01 Nov (IPR):

Ministry of Culture, Government of India, has selected two folk music artists from North East, Yangchok Lachenpa from Sikkim and Rajesh Boro from Assam on the launch of "Change Within" as a celebration of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by Prime Minister

of India, Narendra Modi at Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi on 19 Oct. Yangchok Lachenpa is a veteran artist in Bhutia folk song & music and is an employee of Culture Department. He is widely known for his performance in yak and singye dances and has to his credit a Bhutia song book published last year.

Nagaland hopeful of positive outcome of peace talks

KOIHMA, NOV 1 (PTI): Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has claimed a "breakthrough" in the ongoing negotiations to resolve the state's decades-old insurgency problem even through the Centre has asserted it is yet to conclude the talks and will consult all stakeholders before finalising any settlement.

The Union Home Ministry on Thursday had said that lot of rumours and misinformation is being spread that the final Naga settlement has been arrived at and will be announced soon.

"This is creating anxiety and concern in some parts of the country. It is clarified that before any settlement is arrived at with Naga groups, all stakeholders including states of Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh will be duly consulted and their concerns will be taken into consideration. No credence needs to be given to such rumours and incorrect information," the MHA statement said.

The talks were convened in Delhi in a bid to iron out differences, particularly on the NSCN-IM's demands for a separate flag and Constitution for the Nagas, which have already been rejected by the Centre. The central government has already rejected the NSCN-IM's demand for unification of Naga inhabited areas -- located in Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Assam. The three northeastern states have also vehemently opposed it.

While the dialogue with the Naga National Political Groups (NNPG) is said to be over, talks with the NSCN-IM, a major insurgent group in the Northeast, has centered on its demands for a separate flag and Constitution for the Nagas. Rio, Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton and Opposition leader T R Zeliang appreciated that the negotiating parties agreeing to remain onboard for a final settlement.

Various Naga civil societies and NNPG, a conglomerate of seven organisations which is holding separate talks with the Centre, hoped that the final settlement would be achieved after thorough consultation with all stakeholders. "It is a historic moment and an occasion of great joy for all Nagas and the nation as a whole. Peace will now pave the way for genuine progress and true nation-building," Rio said in a tweet.

Extending deepest appreciation to the negotiating parties for the "historic breakthrough", he thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah "for the political will and concern for the Naga people".

He also congratulated the Centre's interlocutor and Governor R N Ravi, NSCN (IM) and NNPG for their efforts and lauded the civil societies, mass based organisations, NGOs, churches and the Naga people for their support and prayers. "We pray god almighty & look forward to a new era for the Naga people," he said.

Patton said a "solution that respects our unique history, will bring a new and better dawn for the Naga future". Zeliang hoped that the dream and desire of the Naga people for permanent peace and

tranquility in Nagaland would soon become a reality. The Working Committee of NNPG also joined the bandwagon in appreciating the efforts of the union government and NSCN (IM).

In a statement it said the NNPG believes that the NSCN (IM) leadership has opted for peace and adopted a practical and realistic approach in arriving at a conclusion of negotiations by acceptance the reality the time.

A press release issued by its media cell said in the course of negotiations between NNPG and the union government, the latter had also endorsed the usage of Naga emblem/flag specifically for cultural identity within Naga homeland.

"The Naga flag is a political symbol and cannot be confined to socio-cultural activities. Therefore, together in one voice, Nagas would pursue it politically and democratically. The flag, since the dawn of Naga political consciousness, has ever been an expression of our political identity and aspirations," it stated.

GST collections remain subdued at Rs 95,380

cr in Oct

NEW DELHI, Nov 1 (PTI): The Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections came in at Rs 95,380 crore in October, down 5.29 per cent from Rs 1,00,710 crore in the same month last year, as per government data released on Friday. This is the third consecutive month when GST mop-up remained below the Rs 1 lakh crore mark, despite the festival season.

Revenue collection from GST in September stood at Rs 91,916 crore.

"The gross GST revenue collected in the month of October, 2019 is Rs 95,380 crore of which CGST is Rs 17,582 crore, SGST is Rs 23,674 crore, IGST is Rs 46,517 crore (including Rs 21,446 crore collected on imports) and Cess is Rs 7,607 crore (including Rs 774 crore collected on imports)," the finance ministry said in a statement.

Total number of GSTR 3B returns (summary of self-assessed return) filed for the month of September (up to October 30) was 73.83 lakh.

The total revenue earned by the central and the state governments after regular settlement in October was Rs 38,224 crore for CGST and Rs 37,645 crore for SGST.

Commenting on the data, traders' body CAIT said lower tax collections should not be assumed to be an indicator of economic slowdown.

This lower GST collection is a result of a major chunk of offline sales shifting to the e-commerce companies which recently concluded their festive season sales, it alleged.

"Since these companies by flouting the FDI policy are indulging in deep discounting and predatory pricing policies, they have an expertise in avoiding GST and causing a severe loss of revenue to the government," CAIT said.

Vishal Raheja, DGM, Taxmann said that weak demand, low GDP growth rate and decline in industrial output could be the reasons for decrease in GST revenue in October.

He added that GST collection in October has increased by 3.78 per cent as compared to September. The rise, he said, could be due to early festival season.

"Recently, government has also taken various fiscal measures to boost economy and it will surely help to raise revenue collections. The government might consider implementing the strict measures such as audit, surveys etc. to curb the GST evasion and to eventually increase the tax collection," Raheja added.

Aditi Nayar, an economist with ICRA, said the year-on-year decline in the GST collection in October is disturbing, although it can partly be explained by the cumulative impact of GST rate cuts as well as subdued consumption growth. "The next month's collections, which will cover the festive period, will provide critical cues as to the extent of slippage that we could expect in the GST collections in FY2020 relative to the budgeted target," she added.

Two-day Hackathon held at SMIT



SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 01 NOV:

Two-day Hackathon, initiated by Dell, was held at Sikkim Manipal Institute of Technology with support from AIC-SMUTBI on 30 and 31 Oct, 2019. As per a press release, 80 students (divided into 20 teams) participated in the event.

The students were mentored by faculty

members of SMIT and overseen by Dell Leadership team. All teams gave their best to solve large complex problems of Technology with support from AIC-SMUTBI on 30 and 31 Oct, 2019. As per a press release, 80 students (divided into 20 teams) participated in the event.

These problem statements were framed by Dell and the students used their innovation & coding skills

augmented by trending technologies such as AI, ML to solve or attempt to find solutions of the problems.

In view of overwhelming participation Dell leaders decided to choose 3 teams as joint winners. In addition, Dell has also rolled out offer letters to 16 SMIT students for Summer Internship with a stipend of Rs.

25000 per month which the selected students can pursue immediately after completion of third year B Tech programme.

As per Sr Director Dell, Sukant Patro, the students have exhibited great spirit and energy during the Hackathon. He has also thanked Training & Placement Cell of SMIT for support

in executing the event.

Head, T&P, Biswaraj Sen expressed gratitude to Dell not only for choosing SMIT to hold this Hackathon event but also for associating with SMIT for the past 5+ continuous years and giving career opportunities to the students of this Institute in one of the world's top company - Dell."

YES conducts awareness programme at Gyalshing



SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 01 NOV:

The Sikkim unit of Non-Governmental Organization, Young Energetic Society (YES) in association with the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India, and Government of Sikkim organized an awareness programme on various social issues here at community hall, Gyalshing on Thursday.

The awareness programme was organized on issues such as drugs and alcohol abuse, wom-

en's empowerment, consumer awareness, etc.

The programme was also addressed by Chairperson of Gyalshing Municipality Council, IK Neupaney who appreciated the initiative taken by YES.

Many eminent personalities working in various fields were felicitated by YES at the event. Jyoti Sharma presented the letters of felicitation and souvenirs to the awardees. A cultural programme was also part of the event.

Kitchen utensils donated to Lingi Payong School



SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 01 NOV:

Independence Day Celebration Committee 2019 of Lingi Payong School handed over utensils and other materials to the school family in a small function held at the school today.

The materials include 06 warmer sets, 35 high quality steel plates, 04 aluminium pots with lid, one wok, 01 tea container, ladle and spatula, a press release informs.

It was decided in the meeting held for audit of IDC accounts on 20 August that the committee will purchase these items with the amount saved. The committee was represented by president IDCC, Laxman Rai, Bhumi Nanda Gautam, Rajendra Dhakal and treasurer, Yam Nath Adhikari. Headmaster of the school expressed his gratitude to the committee for providing these materials to the school.

West District observes Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Gyalshing, 01 Nov (IPR): The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day was observed in the District Administration Center, Rabdentse, West Sikkim, on 31 Oct. The collections in FY2020 relative to the budgeted target," she added.

at the Office premises.

The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas commemorates the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel also known as the "Iron Man of India".

Similar program was observed at different Sub Divisional and Block Level Offices of West Sikkim.

Dikchu School celebrates 78th Foundation Year

WANGCHUK BHUTIA MANGAN, 01 NOV:

Dikchu Senior Secondary School in East Sikkim celebrated the 78th foundation year with colourful cultural extravaganza and series of activities today. The celebration was attended by Minister for Roads & Bridges, Samdup Lepcha, as chief guest in the presence of Lok Sabha MP, Indra Hang Subba.

Also present in the function were Chungkipo Lepcha, SKM In-charge Dzongu constituency, Secretary Education Department, MT Sherpa, former Chairman, Nim Tshering Lepcha, BDO Tintek, Pema Wangchen Bhutia, zilla and panchayat members, representatives from various schools and general public.

The function started with the welcome speech delivered by Principal, Dr Saroza Pradhan. The land donors for the new



approach road to the School were presented letters of appreciation by the school.

The chief guest in his speech announced the sanctioning of work on carpeting and drainage system of the approach road to Dikchu school. MP Lok Sabha, Mr Subba assured to fulfil demands placed by the school.

The chief guest and the special guest were felicitated by the school.

The final match of the 78th Foundation Year

Celebration Open Men's Football Tournament held today was won by SIS Dikchu. They defeated Leezum Gor by 4-2 goals to lift the trophy and cash prize of Rs. 50,000. Rs. 30,000 was awarded to runner-up team with the trophy respectively.

Students of the school also presented colourful cultural programme on the day. The function ended with the vote of thanks delivered by Chandra Lal Sharma, ward panchayat.

NHPC organizes training on dairy productivity



SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 01 NOV:

NHPC Ltd-Teesta-V Power Station organized training program on "Enhancement of Dairy Productivity" under CSR&SD FY 2019-20 at Dung Dung, East Sikkim on 01 Nov, 2019 in association with Pak-sam Vet Care, Gangtok, a press release informs.

Speaking on the occa-

sion, Head of the Project, Teesta-V Power Station & Teesta-VI HE Project, Sahadev Khatua, said that the programme was conducted to update the scientific knowledge and impart hands-on training in the field of Dairy Productivity.

He appealed to all trainees to make use of training program to improve dairy farm income

and thereby the family's income. At the end, input supplements on Dairy Productivity were given to all trainees. Pak-sam Vet Care, Dr Arjun Adhikari, Sr DCMO, Dr Satarupa Bhattacharjee, Manager Elect/Tech, Teesta-V PS, Abhishek Gangopadhyaya and Social Worker, Durga Poudyal also participated in the program.

MYM holds Rangoli Competition



SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 01 NOV:

The result of the Rangoli Competition organized by Paschim Bengal Sikkim Prantiya Marwadi Yuva Manch was declared today.

According to State general secretary, Dheeraj Nahar, various activities are being organized under the guidance of the State president of PBSPMYM, Vipul Sharma to provide a platform to hidden talents among the members of Marwadi Yuva Manch.

Last month, Karwa Chauth selfie competition was organized and on the eve of Deepawali

the Rangoli competition was organized.

According to the norms, members or families of MYM had to send a photo of Rangoli to the WhatsApp number of State general secretary wherein 23 members had sent pictures of Rangoli made by them.

The Rangoli of Rekha Jain and Gunjan Jain of MYM Rishra stood 1st while the Rangoli of Priyanka Jain and Gunjan Jain of MYM Kalimpong Urja stood 2nd in the competition. The winners will be awarded prizes in a grand function scheduled to be held in Raishra in January 2020.

Out of 122...

In the first phase, students who have passed out in the year 2019 will be presented degrees and medals, starting from 10 AM with convocation procession. The President of India will be the chief guest of the first phase of the convocation.

The second phase of the convocation will be for students who have passed out in years 2017 and 2018, which will start at 4.00 PM.

It is informed that a total of 580 students who passed out in 2019 have registered for the first phase of the convocation and second phase of the convocation has registration of 900 students of 2017 and 2018.

Eleven medallists who will receive their gold medals from the President of India are Sushmita Chhetri [School of Life Sciences], Jigme Wangchuk Bhutia [School of Languages and Literature], Jeshmeen Deb Barman [School of Human Sciences], Pankaj Roy [School of Physical Sciences], Aastha Rai [School of Social Sciences], Mingyong Dendhup Bhutia [School of Professional Studies], Preksha Sharma [Himalayan Pharmacy Institute, Majhitar], Sanila Tamang [Loyola College of Education, Namchi], Royal Pradhan [Nar Bahadur Bhandari Degree College, Tadong], Samir Tamang [Sikkim Government College, Namchi] and Ruth Kumari Rai [Sikkim Government College, Gyalshing].

EPCA declares...

EPCA directed that all coal and other fuel-based industries, which have not shifted to natural gas or agro-residue, will remain shut in Faridabad, Gurgaon, Ghaziabad, Noida, Bahadurgarh, Bhiwadi, Greater Noida, Sonapat, Panipat till the morning of November 5.

In Delhi, industries, which have not yet shifted to piped natural gas, will not operate during the period, it said.

"Cracker burning is completely banned for the entire winter period. We note that there are festivals coming and given the experience of Diwali, when in spite of all efforts, cracker burning was extremely high and led to accumulation of toxins in the air, this measure is needed," Bhure Lal said.

He also said that it is imperative that implementing agencies take urgent steps to stop local sources of pollution, as this will only add to the already polluted air.

"This requires stringent vigilance and punitive action against all cases of local pollution, from plastic and garbage burning to dust pollution. I am also constrained to say that in spite of all our efforts, there are still many instances of local pollution and therefore, enforcement needs to be stepped up further," he said.

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Governor’s Chhath Puja greetings

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 01 NOV:

On the occasion of Chhath Puja, Governor of Sikkim, Ganga Prasad has extended warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Sikkim, a Raj Bhavan release informs.

The Governor has said, “Chhath Puja, one of the ancient festival dedicated to ‘Surya’, the Sun God, reflects our deeper understanding of mother nature. Our ancient belief based on scientific understanding of the forces of Mother Nature has been the guiding light for our civilisation since ages. The worship of Surya, the Sun God as ultimate source of energy for all life forms on Earth, epitomises our rich tradition of maintaining harmony and balance among all natural forces.

May this auspicious festival be an occasion to foster brotherhood and harmony amongst different communities of Sikkim. Let this occasion further strengthen Sikkimese tradition of celebrating festivals and rituals free of pollution and environmental hazards.”

President Kovind to visit Sikkim

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 31 OCT:

President Ramnath Kovind is scheduled to officially visit Sikkim on 02 Nov. He is scheduled to address Sikkim Central University’s convocation at Manan Kendra on 03 Nov.

This will be his maiden visit to the State after assuming the office of President. He is also scheduled to visit Lingdum Monastery. It is informed that after the convocation, the President will leave for Meghalaya.

Army’s Eastern Command celebrates 99th Raising Day

KOLKATA, Nov 1 (PTI):

The Eastern Command of the Indian Army on Friday celebrated its 99th Raising Day at its headquarter at Fort William here, a Defence official said.

A wreath-laying ceremony was held on the occasion, with Lt General Anil Chauhan, GOC-in-C Eastern Command paying homage to the fallen braves at Vijay Smarak, the War Memorial. Lt Gen Chauhan called upon everyone to continue working with dedication and devotion in the true traditions of the Indian Army.

A display by the Army band was organised at the Fort William Stadium for all ranks and their families commemorating the occasion, the official said. The Eastern Command was raised on November 1, 1920 at Nainital in present-day Uttarakhand under General Sir H Hudson and had territorial jurisdiction over Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bengal, Bihar, Odisha and Assam.

Thereafter, owing to operational commitments, the Command headquarters was shifted to Barrackpore, Ranchi and Lucknow before being permanently established at Fort William in the “immediate wake of the Sino-Indian conflict” in 1962, a Defence communique said.

Sikkim Cricket Assoc hosts Men’s U-23 One Day Trophy in Odisha



SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 01 NOV:

Sikkim is hosting the Men’s Under-23 One Day Trophy 2019-20 being held in Odisha. This is for the first time that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has given Sikkim such a charge.

A total of 45 matches will be played at this tournament which got underway on 31 October, a press communiqué from Sikkim Cricket Association [SiCA] informs.

There are 10 teams in the fray - Chandigarh, Assam, Puducherry, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar and Sikkim.

Matches will be played at KIIT Cricket Stadium, DRIEMS Cricket

Ground, Vikash Cricket Stadium and Ravenshaw Cricket Ground in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack over 28 days.

SiCA Operation Manager Afzal Hussain and Logistics Manager, Mayelmit Lepcha, have been based at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, for the past month overseeing the preparations. SiCA President, Secretary, and other executives have visited the venue over the past month to check on the arrangements and KVP Rao (AGM- Cricket Operations, BCCI) also visited KIITS and had several meetings with the management and SiCA officials, it is informed.

He trained the SiCA officials on how to manage various things that

need to be taken care such as fixtures, travel plan details for visiting teams, arranging training and practice facilities, match balls, stumps, booking hotels, catering during match days and food for non-match days, managing equipment for video analysts; scorers; match referee.

“It is an honor for Sikkim Cricket Association that the BCCI has given such a responsibility of hosting a tournament and also having confidence in SiCA. SiCA has appointed Nayan Tshering Bhutia (Member of SiCA) as the Co-ordinator for the tournament. Hopefully, Sikkim might be hosting few more tournaments this season,” the SiCA release concludes.



Biker rally delivers Diwali greetings to underprivileged

SUMMIT REPORT
GANGTOK, 01 NOV:

A social organization from Gangtok, “Bit to Better”, organized a bike rally for delivery of Diwali greeting packages to different old age homes and orphanages around Gangtok on 27 Oct.

As per a press release, 17 bikers were part of this event who

were accompanied by around 40 volunteers from around Gangtok. The rally started from Ridge Park, Gangtok to Bojoghari girl child care centre where the group distributed sweets and snacks to the kids and delivered the greeting packages.

The rally continued to Ranka boy child care center which provides shelter to 17 underprivi-

leged boys. Here they distributed sweets and other items.

The rally ended at Old Age Home, Saramsa where all the volunteers cooked meals for the elderly and celebrated Diwali.

This event marks the completion of 10 successful events by “Bit to Better” till date, the release mentions.



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No ration to 20 Odisha families for defecating in open



BERHAMPUR (ODISHA), Nov 1 (PTI): Over 20 families in Ganjam district have not been given ration supply after a panchayat body decided to stop the benefits from reaching people who were found defecating in open. According to a decision taken at a panchayat meeting on October 20, the distribution of ration under the public distribution

system (PDS) was stopped to over 20 families in last 11 days, Sushant Swain, the sarpanch of Goutami panchayat in Sanakhe-mundi block, said.

However, Ganjam district collector Vijay Amruta Kunage said, the benefits under National Food Security Act (NFSA) and State Food Security Act (SFSA) to any person should not be curtailed.

If anyone was found defecating in open, particularly on roadside, the panchayat body will instruct the dealer concerned to stop giving ration to such people for a month, Swain said.

The move is aimed at making people aware of the need to use toilets, he said. Around 300 women, all members of a self-help group (SHG), patrol

the open spaces in the panchayat from 3 AM to 5 AM and 5 PM to 7 PM to keep vigil on the violators, the sarpanch said.

"If they find anyone defecating in the open, they inform the panchayat. The women do the work voluntarily," he said. Initially several villagers had opposed the decision of the panchayat but the number of people

defecating in the open was now gradually reducing, he claimed.

Those who do not have toilets in their houses have been asked to build toilets in the next two months under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), Swain said. Goutami panchayat has around 2,000 households with a population of 4,563. Of these, Of these, 180 families do not have toilets in their houses at present, the sarpanch said. However, some of them have initiated steps for construction of toilets, he said.

"We will discuss the matter with the block office and ensure that all beneficiaries get ration," said the collector.

Peasant leader Bhala Chandra Sarangi said, "Right to Food is the constitutional right of a person, a panchayat cant deny this right to people. "There are other methods to create awareness among the people to stop open defecation."

India was declared open defecation-free on October 2.

Strong states will strengthen country: Mamata



KOLKATA, Nov 1 (PTI): West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday said the Indian union will be strengthened only if the states are strong.

Extending her greetings to the people of the states whose foundation days are celebrated on November one, Banerjee urged them to strengthen the country's feder-

al structure. "Heartiest greetings to my brothers & sisters of Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh on the Foundation Day of their States," Banerjee tweeted.

"The Indian Union will be strengthened only when States are strong. Let us strengthen our federal structure.

Jai Hind. Joy Bangla,"

she added.

Seven Indian states - Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh - are celebrating their foundation day on this day.

Union Territories of Lakshwadeep, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar also have their foundation days on November one.

Uttarakhand minister's social media accounts hacked



DEHRADUN, Nov 1 (PTI): The social media accounts of an Uttarakhand minister holding key portfolios have been hacked.

The Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts of Urban Development Minister Madan Kaushik were hacked at around 2.30 am on Thursday, his Public Relations Officer (PRO) Sumit Bhargav said on Friday.

The hackers also

hacked the minister's Gmail account, he added.

However, the WhatsApp numbers of the hackers were identified and the authorities informed, with a request for quick legal action against them, Bhargav said.

In a letter to Dehradun Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Arun Mohan Joshi on behalf of Kaushik, Bhargav informed the officer about the inci-

dent and gave him the hackers' WhatsApp numbers. He requested the SSP to take cognizance of the matter and initiate legal action against the guilty at the earliest.

Besides holding the charge of the urban development, housing, census, election and reorganisation departments, Kaushik is also the official spokesperson of the Uttarakhand government.

Delhi schools to be shut till Tuesday



NEW DELHI, Nov 1 (PTI): The Delhi government on Friday decided to shut all schools till November 5 after a Supreme Court mandated panel declared a public health emergency in the Delhi-NCR region in the wake of rising level of pollution.

As the pollution level in the region entered the "severe plus" category, the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority banned construction activity till November 5 and bursting of crackers during the winter season.

"In the wake of rising level of pollution caused by stubble burning, the Delhi government has decided to shut all schools till November 5," Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted in Hindi.

The chief minister also met EPCA Chairman Bhure Lal and assured him of all cooperation in implementing the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP).

"I had an excellent meeting with Sh Bhure Lal ji, EPCA chief. I sought guidance from

him and reiterated the commitment of our govt in dealing with pollution. I also assured him all cooperation in implementing GRAP and other measures," Kejriwal said in another tweet.

In a letter to chief secretaries of Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, Lal said, "The air quality in Delhi and NCR deteriorated further last night and is now at the severe plus level. We have to take this as a public health emergency as it will have adverse health impacts on all, particularly our children."

The blanket of haze over Delhi thickened on Friday morning with the national capital's pollution levels increasing overnight.

Lal said pollution touched "severe plus" levels early on Friday morning but came back to "severe" category later. According to official data, the overall Air Quality Index (AQI) at 1 pm on Friday was recorded at 480, which falls in the "severe" category.

An AQI between 0-50 is considered 'good', 51-

100 'satisfactory', 101-200 'moderate', 201-300 'poor', 301-400 'very poor' and 401-500 'severe'. Above 500 falls in the 'severe-plus emergency' category.

In an earlier tweet, Kejriwal said Delhi has turned into a "gas chamber" due to smoke arising out of crop burning in Punjab and Haryana.

He said the Manohar Lal Khattar government and Captain Amrinder Singh government were forcing their farmers to indulge in stubble burning causing spike in pollution in the national capital.

On Friday morning, Kejriwal distributed masks to school children as part of the government's initiative to protect them from pollution and also explained children about stubble burning.

He told students that smoke emanating from stubble burning in Punjab and Haryana was causing air pollution here and asked them to write letters to chief ministers of the two states urging them to control it.

Rly, PWD joint team to inspect Tallah Bridge condition

KOLKATA, Nov 1 (PTI): A team of the Railways and the Public Works Department (PWD) officials would conduct a joint inspection of the Tallah Bridge in the northern part of the city and submit a report on its condition to the state government within 15 days, a senior official said.

This was decided during a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at the state Secretariat on Friday, the official said.

Depending on the

report, the fate of the bridge will be decided, he said. Engineering consultancy firm RITES had in September declared the 625 metre-long Tallah Bridge, that connects North 24 Parganas district with the city, as 'most vulnerable' after studying its condition.

A Mumbai-based firm employed by the state government for the same purpose had corroborated the RITES report and recommended demolition and reconstruction of the bridge.

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Notification to implement odd-even scheme issued



NEW DELHI, Nov 1 (PTI): The Delhi government on Friday issued a notification to implement the odd-even road rationing scheme from November 4-15.

Noting that the pollution situation has worsened in Delhi, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said the Centre as well as the governments of Punjab and Haryana should give a timeline to stop stubble burning. He said the order for staggered office timings of the Delhi government has also been issued.

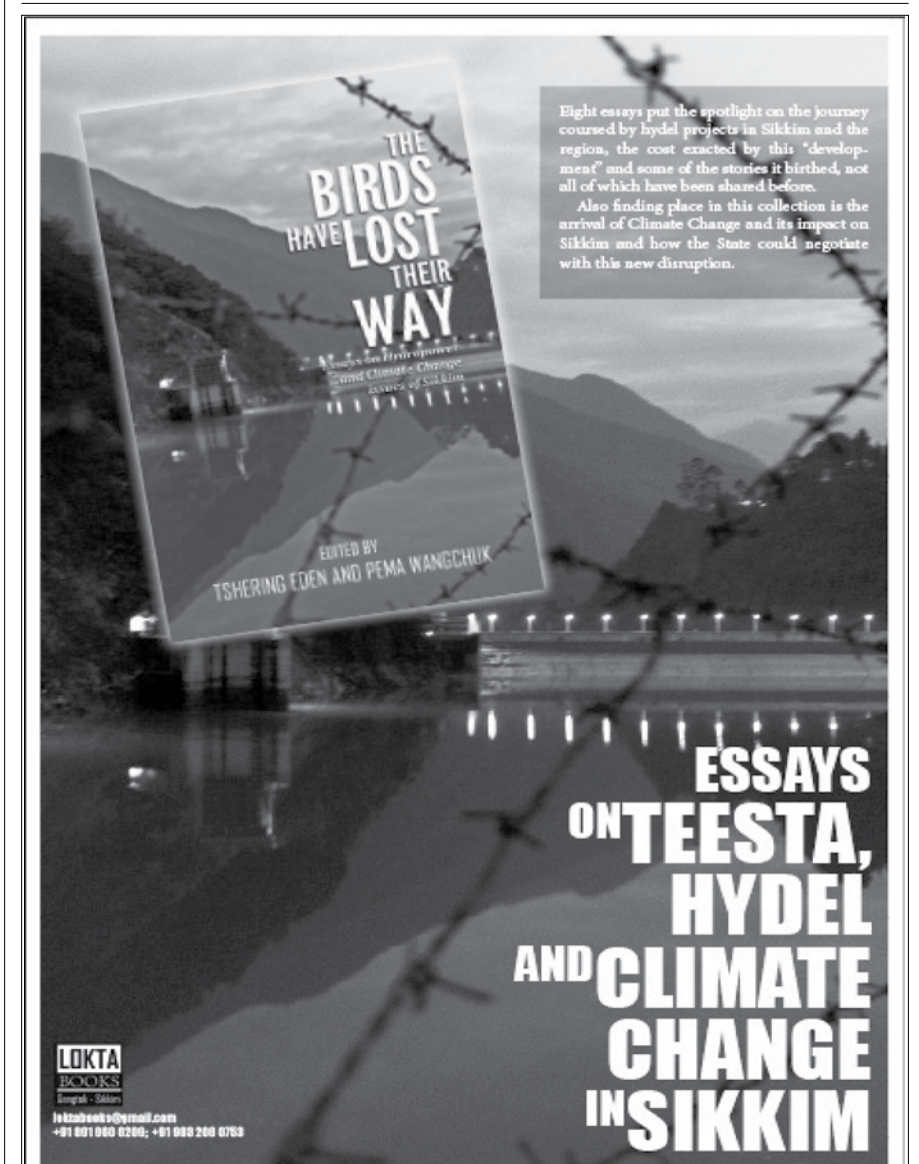
The offices of various

departments of the Delhi government will open at 9.30 AM and 10.30 AM, he said.

The Chief minister said no surge pricing will not be done by app-based cabs during the odd-even scheme.

He said government will distribute 50 lakh anti-pollution masks in the city in the coming one week.

Kejriwal said it is wrong on the part of opposition parties to blame and curse the people of Delhi for high level of air pollution.



England claim first blood in New Zealand T20 series

CHRISTCHURCH, Nov 1 (AFP): A maiden half-century from James Vince powered England to a convincing seven-wicket victory over New Zealand in the opening Twenty20 international in Christchurch on Friday.

Vince top-scored for the tourists with 59 as England chased down New Zealand's 154-run target in 18.3 overs to take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series. While Vince's man-of-the-match performance caught the eye, captain Eoin Morgan was also full of praise for his bowlers, who laid the platform for victory by restricting the Black Caps to 153 for five.

"The game was won and lost in the first innings... James Vince played outstanding well but all credit to the bowlers today," he said.

A three-wicket haul from spinner Mitchell Santner was not enough to rescue the Black Caps, whose batting line-up failed to fire after Morgan won the toss and sent them in.

England's win came despite the absence of several senior players, who have been rest-



ed for the series after a gruelling period that saw them win the World Cup and fail to reclaim the Ashes.

A trio of debutants in the team facing New Zealand fitted in seamlessly, with Sam Curran and Pat Brown both snaring a wicket each.

All-rounder Lewis Gregory was not needed

with either bat or ball and will hope to make an impression when hostilities resume in Wellington on Sunday.

Morgan said his squad was building its depth by bleeding youngsters ahead of the T20 World Cup in Australia next year.

"It's a chance for them to stake their claim," said

the England captain, who emphatically ended the match with a six off the final ball to finish on 34 not out.

- 'A BIT OFF' -

New Zealand's regular captain Kane Williamson is out of the series with a hip injury and the Black Caps sorely missed his batting prowess.

Stand-in skipper Tim

Southee said there was room for improvement in bowling, batting and fielding. "We were probably a little bit off in all three areas," he said.

"We got a score on the board that we felt we could defend but we were a little bit off with the ball and in the field, which didn't help." The poor form that dogged

Martin Guptill at the World Cup continued when Curran coaxed an inside edge that crashed into middle stump.

Fellow opener Colin Munro tried to break the shackles but was too aggressive against Chris Jordan and was caught on the boundary for 21.

In reply, Jonny Bairstow made a positive start for England and it took a spectacular catch from Guptill for dismissal him for 35.

Santner and fellow spinner Ish Sodhi had some success pegging back England's run rate before Vince and Morgan combined for a 54-run partnership that proved decisive.

It is the first time the sides have met since the one-day World Cup final in July, which ended with scores tied but England claiming victory because they had scored more boundaries. However, both teams insist their focus for the series is on preparing for next year's T20 World Cup.

England are ranked second in the world in T20s behind Pakistan, while New Zealand are sixth.

Tokyo 'will not obstruct' moving Olympic marathon: governor



TOKYO, Nov 1 (AFP): Tokyo "will not obstruct" moving next year's Olympic marathon and race-walking to northern Japan over heat fears, the city's governor said Friday, adding that she remains unhappy with the decision.

"We cannot agree with the IOC but we will not obstruct the decision made by the IOC, which has the final decision-making authority," Yuriko Koike said at a meeting with Olympic officials and organisers.

"In other words, this is a decision without an agreement." The International Olympic Committee made the decision to move the events last month, citing concerns about Tokyo's notoriously hot and humid summer.

But the abrupt move sparked anger in Tokyo, where the marathon in particular was seen as a key event, giving the city a chance to showcase its attractions and build public engagement with the Olympics.

The IOC has said the decision was necessary to protect the health of athletes, especially after many required medical attention in the hot conditions of the World Championships in Doha earlier this year.

"I think then it's clear we do have an acceptance of this proposal," John Coates of the IOC's coordination commission said, after Koike and other officials including Japan's Olympic minister said they would back the move.

AIFF signs MOU with German Football Association

NEW DELHI, Nov 1 (PTI): The All India Football Federation (AIFF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with its German counterpart, DFB, here on Friday.

The signing of the agreement coincided with German Chancellor Angela Merkel's visit to India.

Kushal Das, General Secretary AIFF and Friedrich Curtius, General Secretary DFB, signed the document to formalise the relationship between the two football governing bodies.

"The MoU covers a wide range of areas pertaining to Indian football such as coach education (including grassroots), talent scouting and promotion, deployment of professional referees to India, exchange between national teams and visit of DFB all-star team (if feasible), joint marketing initiatives and sports administration via discussions on their competition management solutions," said the AIFF in a statement.

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"Football cooperation among states is also one of the agendas in respective Government's discussion," it added.

Das expressed delight at joining hands with DFB.

"It is a great honour for AIFF to get into this agreement with DFB. I am sure this will immensely benefit Indian football significantly.

"Germany are renowned for their footballing prowess, and the work done by them at the grassroots level stands out. The MoU represents a great opportunity to learn from their experience and expertise through mutual cooperation and collaboration, he added.

Bopanna progresses, Sharan out of Paris Masters



PARIS, Nov 1 (PTI): India's top doubles player Rohan Bopanna advanced to the quarterfinals of the Paris Master with partner Denis Shapovalov but his compatriot Divij Sharan made a second round exit, here.

Bopanna and his Canadian partner outplayed American-Argentine pair of Manuel Gonzalez and Austin Krajicek 6-1 6-3 in their second round match which lasted just 59 minutes.

The Indo-Canadian team broke the rivals four times and did not face a single breakpoint during its commanding win.

However, Sharan and his Kiwi partner Artem

Sitak, who entered the event as alternates and knocked out the fourth seeds earlier, lost 2-6 3-6 to French team of Fabrice Martin and Jeremy Chardy in just 53 minutes.

Sharan has won two titles this season, triumphing at Pune with Bopanna and at St. Petersburg with Igor Zelenay.

The title with Sharan in Pune remains Bopanna's only trophy in 2019.

They had united as a team at the beginning of the season, eyeing Tokyo Olympics, but separated after finding it difficult to enter big tournaments with their combined rankings.

Adapting to pink ball only challenge in Day/Night Test: Pujara

TAPAN MOHANTA KOLKATA, Nov 1 (PTI): Cheteshwar Pujara can't wait for India's first ever Day/Night Test despite all the talk of it being a challenge as he is confident that the country's formidable batting line-up will have no trouble adapting to the pink ball.

The prolific batsman topped the run charts (453) with two daddy hundreds, including a 256 not out for India Blue in the Duleep Trophy more than three years back when pink ball was experimented with for the first time by the Sourav Ganguly-led BCCI technical committee.

Now, after taking over as the BCCI president, Ganguly has convinced the Bangladesh Cricket Board and both the countries will play their maiden pink ball Test at Eden Gardens from November 22-26. Former players, including the great Sachin Tendulkar, have spoken about the multiple challenges like dew while playing in the evening.

"It's going to be exciting...What we played was a first-class match, this is going to be a Test match. I'm sure all the players are excited about it," the Indian Test No.3 told PTI in an exclusive interaction. Pujara said pink ball could pose some problems during the twilight period.

"In the twilight period, I feel that maybe, sighting the ball could be a little challenging. (But) the more you play, you get used to it. It's always about experience and knowing how the ball is behaving," he said.

Pujara had complained about sighting the ball under lights

in the 2016-17 season but he claims to be better-prepared now.

"The more we play, the more we gain experience of how to tackle the ball. Every ball has its challenges. I don't think it will require a huge change to shift from red ball to pink ball. The reason is it's the same format. We are still playing a five-day match," the 31-year-old said.

"Yes, under lights, it will be different. But it's about getting used to the pink ball. That's what I feel. Rest, I don't think will be a major difference. Once we play some Test matches, we will be able to know the exact difference and can improvise."

Apart from Pujara, Mayank Agarwal, Rishabh Pant, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Shami and Wriddhiman Saha, from the current Indian Test squad, have the experience of playing with a pink ball at the domestic level.

Summing up the mood in the camp, he said: "We won't have any issue. Most of the guys have played in Duleep Trophy and for the ones who have not played, it would be a good learning curve for them."

"The help for the bowlers could come at a different times unlike the traditional Tests. It could be under lights or without lights. Once we play, we will get to know about all such things. We will have to adapt to it as quickly as possible."

India are going to play their first ever Day/Night Test about four years after Australia and New Zealand played the pink ball Test at the Adelaide Oval on November 27, 2015.

PARIS, Nov 1 (AFP): Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic continued their battle for the year-end world number one ranking as both players reached the Paris Masters quarter-finals with wins over Stan Wawrinka and Kyle Edmund respectively.

The 33-year-old Nadal is already guaranteed to usurp Djokovic at the rankings summit next week, but winning a maiden Bercy title would also secure the year-end top spot before next month's ATP Tour Finals in London.

He produced an impressive display on Thursday to take his career head-to-head record against three-time Grand Slam champion Wawrinka to 19-3 with a clinical 6-4, 6-4 victory.

Djokovic had earlier booked his last-eight place with a 7-6 (9/7), 6-1 win over Britain's Edmund.

Nadal has never won the Paris Masters or the ATP Finals and only two of his 84 titles have come indoors.

"That's the beautiful thing about this sport, (to) have the capacity to adapt yourself to the different conditions," said the 12-time French Open winner, who called the doctor onto the court in the second set to help deal with a stomach problem.

Nadal will face 2008 champion Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the quarter-finals after the French wildcard saved two match points to edge out Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8/6).

"I have a match against a player that is playing well," said Nadal. "I need to do a lot of things well, but I hope to be ready to make that

Nadal eases past Wawrinka as Djokovic sets up Tsitsipas clash



happen."

Nadal took the first set thanks to a single break of serve in game three, saving break points in the second and eighth games himself before serving it out in style.

Wawrinka's backhand started to fire at the start of the second set, but Nadal kept the Swiss at bay, helped by one incredible forehand winner to direct a smash from his opponent into the corner of the court.

The 19-time Grand Slam champion saw off Wawrinka's challenge with a break to lead 5-4 in the second set and served out the match to make it his seventh Paris Masters quarter-final in as many appearances.

- DJOKOVIC TO FACE TSITSIPAS -

Top seed Djokovic needed seven set points in the first set before beating Edmund with relative comfort by racing through the second to make his eighth quarter-final in the tournament.

"I was feeling ener-

gy-wise better and felt more alert, just more strength, more energy, more speed," said the 32-year-old, who has been struggling with illness this week.

The 16-time Grand Slam title-winner is chasing a record-extending fifth Bercy crown and will next face world number seven Stefanos Tsitsipas, who beat Alex de Minaur 6-3, 6-4.

The 21-year-old Tsitsipas leads his head-to-head with Djokovic 2-1, after victories at the Shanghai Masters earlier this month and the 2018 Canadian Open.

"He (Tsitsipas) is one of the best players in the world," said Djokovic. "He's already (an) established player." Djokovic is hoping to tie Pete Sampras' record of finishing six years as the world's best player, while Nadal is looking to achieve the feat for a fifth time.

- DIMITROV DOWNS THIEM -

Former world number three Grigor Dimitrov produced a fantastic performance to

beat fifth seed Dominic Thiem 6-3, 6-2 and reach the last eight in Paris for the first time.

Dimitrov was the world number 78 heading into the US Open, but reached the semi-finals and is now ranked 27th.

The 28-year-old will take on Cristian Garin for a semi-final spot, after the unseeded Chilean saved three match points in a deciding-set tie-break to end the run of French qualifier Jeremy Chardy with a 6-7 (4/7), 6-4, 7-6 (8/6) success.

Greek star Tsitsipas, who has reached at least the semis in each of his last three tournaments, eased past De Minaur, ending the Australian's hopes of qualifying for the Tour Finals.

Gael Monfils, who is chasing a spot at the ATP Finals, takes on Moldova's Radu Albot in Thursday's final match, with the winner to face Denis Shapovalov, after the Canadian youngster beat sixth seed Alexander Zverev for the first time -- 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.

Funerals begin as town mourns victims of Pakistan train fire



Distraught relatives gathered Friday for the first funerals of some of the 74 people killed when fire ripped through a crowded train in Pakistan, with many of the victims residents of a single town.

Sobbing family members crowded a government building in Mirpurkhas overnight as the first bodies covered in white cloth began arriving by ambulance from the scene of the disaster.

After morning prayers, with women watching from nearby rooftops, more than a hundred men attended the first funeral -- of a car mechanic named Mohammad Saleem, who was in his late 40s.

It was held at the Bismillah Mosque, from which at least 42 pilgrims had left to board the train one day earlier, bound for a religious fes-

tival near Lahore.

Officials say as some of the train's passengers cooked breakfast around dawn Thursday, two of their gas cylinders exploded, sending flames racing through three carriages as the train passed near Rahim Yar Khan, in Punjab province.

At least 74 people died, some after jumping through windows on the still-moving train to escape the blaze.

Rescue officials found bodies and some injured passengers along a two-kilometre stretch of track, Dawn newspaper reported.

The train was a daily express service that runs between the southern port city of Karachi and Rawalpindi, adjacent to Islamabad.

Trains on that route can reportedly hit speeds of up to 110 kilometres (68 miles) per hour. Lo-

cal media said that the speed may have helped fan the flames.

Journalists were allowed inside the interior of the carriages early Friday. The fire appeared to have burned them entirely, with virtually no space visible that was not blackened and charred.

One of them -- Waggon No.12 -- was carrying mainly people from Mirpurkhas, the town's deputy commissioner, Attaullah Shah, told AFP.

"There was never such a tragic incident to happen to Mirpurkhas," he said. Eight of the bodies had been confirmed as being residents of the town so far, he said.

Twenty-four Mirpurkhas residents were among the injured.

But at least another 40 are still missing, he said.

Officials in Rahim Yar Khan have said many of

the bodies are charred beyond recognition and will have to be identified through DNA testing -- a process that could take up to one month.

Shah said the government was arranging to send families of the missing from Mirpurkhas to the hospital in Rahim Yar Khan where the bodies have been taken.

- 'Mistake' -

Mirpurkhas, a town of some half a million people surrounded by farms and mango orchards, was largely shut down Friday as businesses closed in mourning.

"These were such people that we can not ever forget them," Mohammad Anwar, the 57-year-old headmaster of a government school, told AFP at the Bismillah Mosque.

He said that among the missing was his nephew, as well as the

mosque's imam. Most of those who left from the mosque had known one another or lived nearby.

Yawar Hussain came to the deputy commissioner's office overnight in hopes of finding his brother Mohsin, 20.

Clutching a photograph of his brother wearing a starched beige shalwar kameez and sunglasses, the 23-year-old described rushing home after hearing of the accident.

"I consoled my father, and my mother and sisters were crying," he said.

Train accidents are common in Pakistan, where the railways have seen decades of decline due to corruption, mismanagement and lack of investment.

Gas cylinders are supposedly banned on trains. Pakistan's railways minister Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed said Thursday that it had been a "mistake" to allow the cylinders on board, and Prime Minister Imran Khan has ordered an inquiry.

Some witnesses told local media the fire had not been started by the cylinders at all, but by some kind of fault on the train.

The train had been diverted Thursday to carry pilgrims to the annual Tablighi Ijtema, one of Pakistan's biggest religious gatherings, which sees up to 400,000 people descend on a tented village outside Lahore for several days to sleep, pray and eat together.

US Interior Department grounds Chinese-made drones



The US Department of the Interior has grounded its fleet of Chinese-made drones as it conducts a review of the program.

Nick Goodwin, an Interior Department spokesman, did not provide a reason for the decision but it comes amid US security concerns over Chinese electronics.

Goodwin said the review had been ordered by Interior Department Secretary David Bernhardt.

"Until this review is completed, the Secretary has directed that drones manufactured in China or made from Chinese components be grounded," he said.

Exceptions would be made for drones that are being used for emergency purposes such as fighting wildfires, search and rescue, and dealing with natural disasters, Goodwin said. Accord-

ing to sources familiar with the program, the Interior Department has a fleet of 810 drones, almost all built by Chinese companies.

Only 24 are US-made and even those have Chinese electronic components, the sources said.

The US Department of Homeland Security issued a warning in May that Chinese-made drones could pose a security risk.

The United States has also taken steps against China's Huawei by effectively banning American companies from selling or transferring US technology to the Chinese telecoms giant.

US intelligence believes Huawei is backed by the Chinese military and that its equipment could provide Beijing's spy agencies with a backdoor into the communications networks of other countries. China's for-

eign ministry said Friday that it was "still seeking further understanding of the specific situation" but called for the US to provide a "non-discriminatory environment for Chinese companies".

"We urge the US to stop abusing the concept of national security, stop exaggerating the so-called China threat, and stop oppressing Chinese companies without reason," foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said at a regular press briefing.

The Chinese company DJI produces about 70 percent of the world's commercial drones.

"We're very disappointed," a DJI spokeswoman told AFP, adding that the company had no other comment for now.

The Pentagon has banned the military from using DJI drones for security reasons since 2017.

No need for passport for Sikh pilgrims visiting Kartarpur: Pak PM

ISLAMABAD, Nov 1 (PTI): Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday announced that Sikh pilgrims from India would not need a passport to travel to Kartarpur and no fee would be charged from them on the opening day of the corridor on November 9.

"For Sikhs coming for pilgrimage to Kartarpur from India, I have waived off two requirements: i) they won't need a passport-just a valid ID; ii) they no longer have to register 10 days in advance. Also, no fee to be charged on day of inauguration and on Guruji's 550th birthday," Khan tweeted.

The Kartarpur Corridor will connect the Dera Baba Nanak shrine in India's Punjab with Darbar Sahib at Kartarpur, just 4 kilometres from the International Border, located at Narowal dis-



trict of Pakistan's Punjab province.

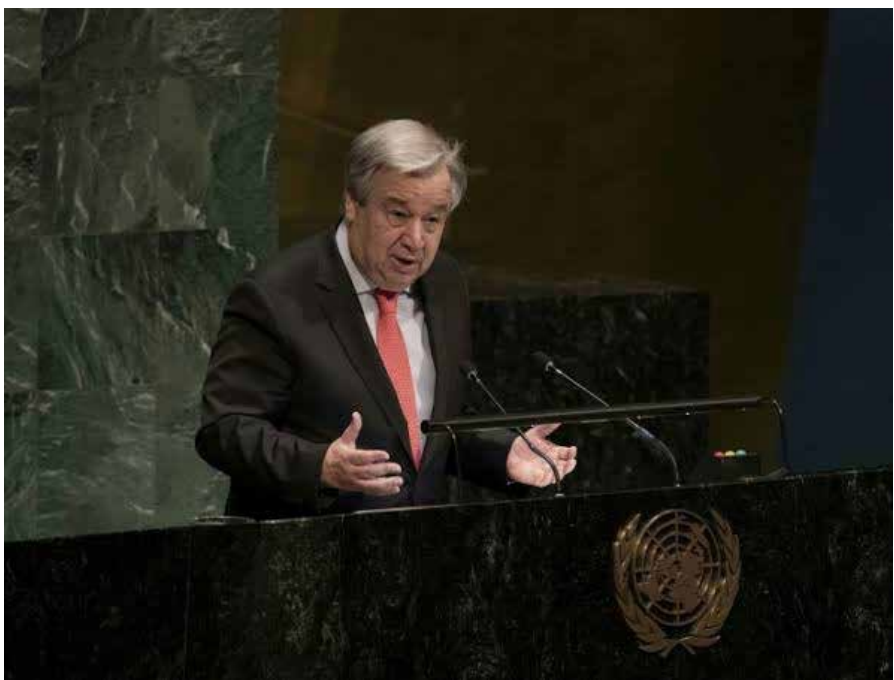
India and Pakistan last week signed the agreement on the Corridor that will allow Indian pilgrims to undertake visa-free visit to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib, the shrine of the Sikh religion's founder Guru Nanak Dev in Pakistan, notwithstanding a chill in bilater-

al ties over Kashmir.

The agreement will allow 5,000 Indian pilgrims daily to visit Gurdwara Darbar Sahib where Guru Nanak spent last 18 years of his life.

Each visitor would be required to pay USD 20 as fee, though India has requested Pakistan not to charge the Indian pilgrims.

UN chief appeals to India, Pak to deal with Kashmir issue through dialogue



BY YOSHITA SINGH
UNITED NATIONS, Nov 1 (PTI): As Jammu and Kashmir transitioned from a state into two union territories, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres reiterated his appeal that India and Pakistan deal with the Kashmir issue through dialogue and ensure full respect for human rights.

Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday transitioned from a state into union territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, nearly three months after the NDA government abrogated the state's special status.

Asked about the Secretary General's comment as Jammu and Kashmir ceased to be a state, the UN chief's Deputy Spokesman Farhan Haq during a media briefing on Thursday said, Well, just to reiterate our

basic concerns that the Secretary General has previously expressed his concerns about the situation in Kashmir. As you know, he has met with representatives of India and Pakistan at their request to discuss the situation." Haq said the UN chief has appealed to both India and Pakistan "to deal with the issue through dialogue, and, as we've made clear and, particularly, as the High Commissioner for Human Rights has made clear, the situation in Kashmir can only be solved with full respect for human rights.

Tension between India and Pakistan has escalated after the revocation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status.

Islamabad has downgraded diplomatic ties with New Delhi and expelled the Indian High

Commissioner.

Pakistan has been trying to internationalise the Kashmir issue but India has asserted that the abrogation of Article 370 was its "internal matter".

The two UTs came into existence on the day of the birth anniversary of the country's first Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who is credited for merger of over 560 states into the Union of India.

The August 5 decision by the Narendra Modi government to abrogate the special status given to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 and its bifurcation into two Union Territories was taken 72 years after the then ruler of the princely state, Maharaja Hari Singh, executed the Instrument of Accession on October 26, 1947, making it part of the Union of India.

US Interior Department grounds Chinese-made drones

WASHINGTON, Nov 1 (AFP): The US Department of the Interior has grounded its fleet of Chinese-made drones as it conducts a review of the programme.

Nick Goodwin, an Interior Department spokesman, did not provide a reason for the decision but it comes amid US security concerns over Chinese electronics.

Goodwin said the review had been ordered by Interior Department Secretary David Bernhardt. "Until this review is completed, the Secretary has directed that drones manufactured in China or made from Chinese components be grounded," he said.

Exceptions would be made for drones that are being used for emergency purposes such as fighting wildfires, search and rescue, and dealing with natural disasters, Goodwin said.

According to sources familiar with the program, the Interior Department has a fleet of 810 drones, almost all built by Chinese companies. Only 24 are US-

made and even those have Chinese electronic components, the sources said.

The US Department of Homeland Security issued a warning in May that Chinese-made drones could pose a security risk.

The United States has also taken steps against China's Huawei by effectively banning American companies from selling or transferring US technology to the Chinese telecoms giant.

US intelligence believes Huawei is backed by the Chinese military and that its equipment could provide Beijing's spy agencies with a backdoor into the communications networks of other countries.

The Chinese company DJI produces about 70 per cent of the world's commercial drones.

"We're very disappointed," a DJI spokeswoman told AFP, adding that the company had no other comment for now.

The Pentagon has banned the military from using DJI drones for security reasons since 2017.

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CITY STRUTTING! The Dickinson star, Hailee Steinfeld walks through the streets of New York City in a V print black and white dress.

Arnold Schwarzenegger opens up about 'great guy' son-in-law Chris Pratt

LOS ANGELES, NOV 1 (PTI): Veteran star Arnold Schwarzenegger says he is glad that his daughter, author Katherine Schwarzenegger married a "great guy and kind man" like actor Chris Pratt.

Pratt, 40, and Schwarzenegger, 29, tied the knot in June after dating for a year.

"I'm really happy that he is such a great guy. Not only a very talented guy and a great actor and a great star and all this stuff, but a really kind man and kind to my daughter, which is the most important thing for me," Schwarzenegger told Jimmy Kimmel on his late night show.

The 72-year-old actor said he was "blown away" when his daughter told him she was dating the "Guardians of the Galaxy" star and quipped why she had to be "so competitive".

He said, "I mean, do you have to have a guy that is taller than me, that is bigger than

me, that is doing bigger movies than me, all this kind of stuff that makes more money than me? What is going on here?"

"I think it was really wild to all of a sudden



have this guy in the family," the "Terminator: Dark Fate" actor added.

Pratt was previously married to actor Anna Faris, with whom he shares seven-year-old son, Jack. They split in 2017 after nine years of marriage.

Heidi Klum's Finished Halloween Costume Is Absolutely Terrifying

Earlier today Heidi Klum gave all of her fans a sneak peek at her Halloween costume. To say that she's gone all out would be a severe understatement.

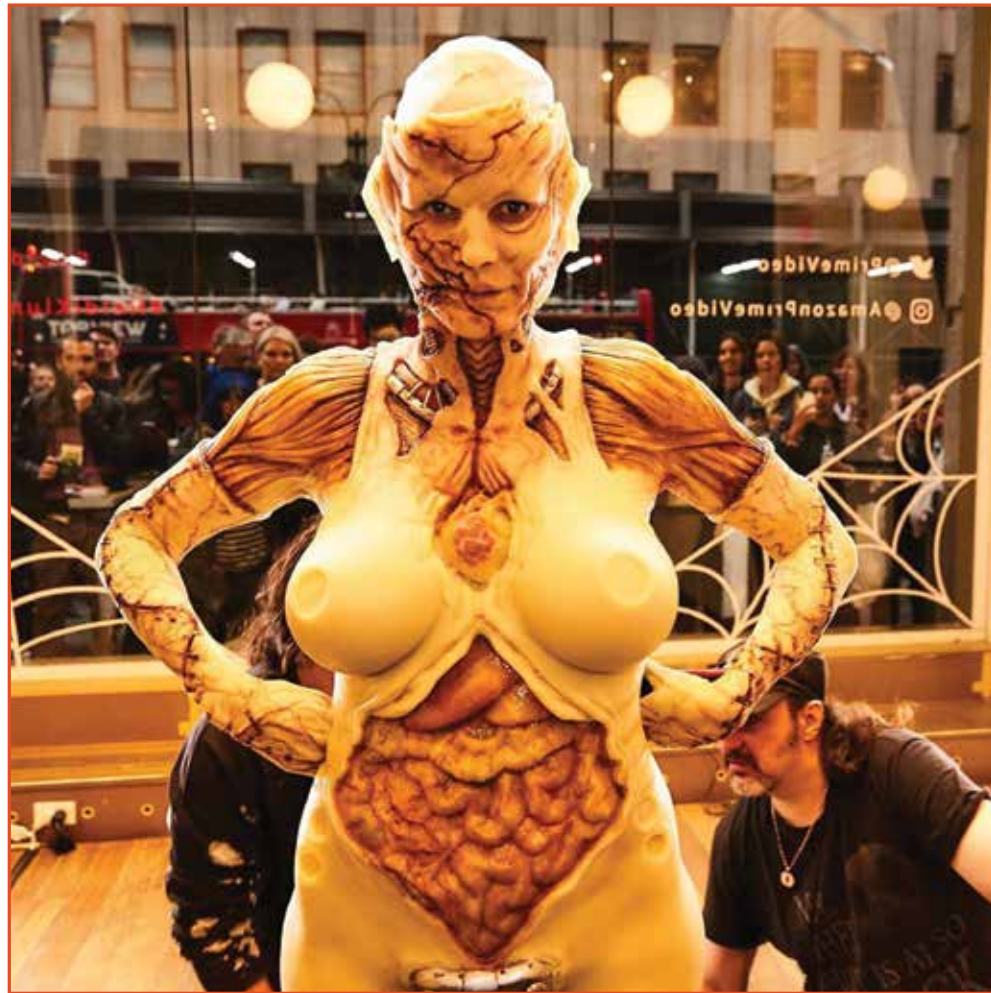
Fans have been there throughout every step of today's transformation into a certifiably terrifying creature. There has been behind the scenes looks at crafting the prosthetics, makeup, and everything else that goes into a look as intense as this. So much is going on with the body parts, industrial-looking panels and everything else at play during these Instagram videos. In fact, earlier today it was kind of hard to understand how all of these grotesque elements were going to come together to form an even more terrifying final product.

Watching the process behind such a freaky creation has been an illuminating experience. The time commitment alone is something to marvel at. Klum is no stranger to a grand Halloween gesture though, she's not the type to grab a costume from a shop and show up. There have been so many involved looks over the years that depend on prep and extensive planning beforehand.

Klum and her husband Tom Kaulitz dressed as Shrek and Fiona last year. Just because that doesn't sound as intensive as this year doesn't mean that they didn't go big. No regular old green paint, instead they opted for full-on prosthetics to emulate the characteristics of the two ogres. Go

big or go home has a brand new meaning when it comes to this coupe. (In fairness, The result was pure perfection and people were left wondering what

the iconic dance scene. They did end up recreating the video with some zombie background dancers on America's Got Talent though.



happened to Donkey and Dragon?

The previous year saw Klum take on Michael Jackson's Thriller. But, she decided to go the werewolf route instead of the ghoulish appearance from

Other years featured her channeling Jessica Rabbit, a large butterfly, and a bunch of clones...of herself. Who knows what she will bring to the table for next year?

Anna Faris to star in, produce comedy 'Summer Madness'



LOS ANGELES, NOV 1 (PTI): Actor Anna Faris is set to play twin sisters in comedy feature "Summer Madness", to be directed by James Mottern. Faris is also producing the project alongside cinematographer Michael Barret, Emilio Mauro and Mottern, reported Variety.

The film focuses on "flat-broke and foul-mouthed" Georgie Cole (Faris) and her success-

ful, elegant twin sister.

"Disowned by her wealthy and conniving mother, Georgie must rally her dysfunctional family to appear picture-perfect in order to win a large cash prize at her mother's annual gala," the film's plotline reads.

The film is currently under preproduction with other cast members to be announced soon.

Brannon Braga to adapt Clive Barker's horror anthology for directorial debut

LOS ANGELES, NOV 1 (PTI): Producer Brannon Braga, best known for his work on the "Star Trek" franchise in both film and television, is set to make his feature directorial debut with an adaptation of Clive Barker's horror anthology "Books of Blood".

The film is set up at Hulu, reported Variety.

Braga will also co-write and executive produce the

project. The film is described as "a journey through three uncanny tales tangled in space and time."

Anna Friel, Britt Robertson, Rafi Gavron and Yul Vazquez will star in the feature. Adam Simon, who co-created the series "Salem" with Braga, will co-write the film.

Braga has previously directed episodes of the shows "Salem," "Cosmos" and "The Orville".

Casey Affleck to play lead in thriller 'Every Breath You Take'

LOS ANGELES, NOV 1 (PTI): Casey Affleck is set to star in independent thriller "Every Breath You Take" from director Christine Jeffs. The film also features Sam Claflin, Michelle Monaghan and Veronica Ferres, reported Variety.

The story revolves around a psychiatrist (Affleck), whose career is thrown into jeopardy when one of his patients commits suicide. When he invites his brother (Claflin) of his patient to his home to meet his wife (Monaghan) and daughter, his family life is suddenly

torn apart. Ferres is producing the project with Frank Buchs under her banner Construction Film along with Richard B Lewis of Southpaw Entertainment.

"I'm extremely pleased that the gifted Christine Jeffs and our world-class cast have come together to bring this amazing thriller to life, as it touches on themes of family, betrayal and redemption that are universal and resonate for all of us," Lewis said

Principal photography on the project is set to begin this month in Vancouver.

Shahid starts preparation for role of cricketer in 'Jersey'

MUMBAI, NOV 1 (PTI): Shahid Kapoor has started learning cricket for his next film "Jersey", a remake of a Telugu blockbuster.

Shahid said after "Kabir Singh" he decided to do "Jersey" because he felt deeply connected with the story.

"It took me some time to decide what to do next after 'Kabir Singh'. But the minute I saw 'Jersey'. I knew I wanted it to be my next. It is a wonderful, inspiring and person-

al human journey that I connected with deeply," Shahid said in a statement.

The shoot of the film will start by the end of this month in Chandigarh.

The movie will be directed by Gowtam Tinnauri, who also helmed the critically-acclaimed and commercially successful original.

Produced by Allu Aravind, Aman Gill and Dil Raju, the film is releasing on August 28, 2020.

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ARIES: The chaos inside is being transmuted into a cosmos outside, generating the motivation you need to be bigger and better. As you experience this renewed sense of purpose, let the stars guide you towards the light. Things are moving in the right direction for you, Aries. This you can trust. Healing on a mental, physical and emotional level will continue to be a priority.

Tip: Hope and renewal are on the cards.

TAURUS: Pay attention to what the Universe is revealing to you via signs, symbols and dreams. Your clairvoyant, clairaudient and clairsentient abilities are especially heightened at this point. Remember your inner skeptic will make you doubt the inner voice of wisdom. It's important for your practice silence and make a habit out of tuning in.

Tip: Listen to the wise (wo)man within.

GEMINI: There are two kinds of troublemakers: people who look like trouble from a mile away and those who lie, cheat and manipulate with the biggest smile on their face. Protecting yourself from the first kind

is hardly a problem given your intellect. It's the latter you're being asked to watch out for today.

Tip: Look out for tricksters.

CANCER: The house of your dreams is slowly and steadily gaining shape, Cancer. Be bold in your choices. Design it in a way that inspires you to live your best life. Remember, this is your sacred space away from the chaos of the outside world. Things on the professional front are also taking a turn for the better.

Tip: Design your house in a way that inspires you to live your best life.

LEO: Those who are working in twos are likely to thrive more than ever before. Let trust and mutual understanding continue to be the secret sauce for your success. You may not always agree on the nitty gritty details. What matters is that you share the same larger-than-life vision.

Tip: Two is your magic number.

VIRGO: "Maybe our girlfriends are our soulmates and guys are just people to have fun with." What Carrie Bradshaw said, Virgo! This day calls for joy, celebration and madness. Don't let the Gregorian calendar

be the reason you put fun off till the weekend. You're also being called to support each other's dreams and visions. Take turns to play sounding board and provide valuable feedback.

Tip: Call on your best friends for that much needed support and cheer.

LIBRA: Two words: creative freedom. You've earned your way to the top, god(dess). What you've learned in this journey to ascension: a certain degree of rebellion goes a long way. Continue to shake the status quo, Libra. Continue to inspire those around you to look at things differently.

Tip: Explore the relationship between creativity and rebellion.

SCORPIO: You know what's sexy? The ability to take life by the horns, not back down in the face of adversities, and continue to move swiftly towards the finish line. It is this attitude that is making both the Universe and your suitors weak in the knees. The key to your success: adopting a no-holds barred policy to your dreams. What you do what to keep in check, however, is your attitude.

Tip: Be unstoppable in the pursuit of your dreams.

SAGITTARIUS: Money has been flowing in consistently, but deep down you feel there could be more. Today, take the time to plan how you can make your money work for you. Making sound investments is a good way to go about this. Working with a financial expert could help you up the game. Do you feel like you are not compensated fairly for your efforts?

Tip: Sound financial planning can help reap greater rewards in the long run.

CAPRICORN: Capricorn, you are connected to the stream of creative consciousness. Tap into this energy for your highest good. A simple exercise to assist you in the process of channelling it: take a piece of paper and start journaling the thoughts that come to you. No stopping. No editing. Revisit the copy with a fresh mind and examine the ideas and solutions you have written down. To take the juicing up a notch, alternate between your right and left hand. The less dominant hand could

help you unlock the potential of your subconscious mind.

Tip: Tap into that stream of creative consciousness.

AQUARIUS: "It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves." Let the brilliant words of Shakespeare remind you of your power to mold the present and create the future you want. All the skills required to excel and influence the course are in your possession. The secret ingredients: belief in yourself and the courage to take required action.

Tip: The Universe is placing a magic wand in your hand.

PISCES: Your motto this week: work hard, play hard, and stay out of everybody else's business. Things may be slow to build, but you know that you are getting there eventually. Keeping the long-term goals in mind is a good way to stay focused. Today brings with itself the reminder that having the right team walking by your side is your biggest asset. Delegate what you need to, so you can focus on the big stuff.

Tip: Team efforts promise a bigger pay-off.